



---

# **Coconino County Sheriff's Office**

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

---

**For Immediate Release**

**Date: September 30, 2006**

**Contacts: Gerry Blair 928-226-5089**

**Sgt. Aaron Dick 928-774-4523**

## **Missing Toddler Located by Multi-Agency Search Effort**

Flagstaff, AZ- On September 30 outstanding interagency cooperation led to the successful resolution to a search for a missing 21 month old female in the area of Bluefield Road and Townsend-Winona Road.

At approximately 11:30am the Coconino County Sheriff's Office received a report of a missing toddler who had last been seen at 10:30am playing in the yard at a relative's home on Bluefield Road. The toddler apparently wandered away from the home in an unknown direction.

Coconino County Sheriff's Deputies responded and initiated a search in the immediate area. The Coconino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit also responded along with personnel from the Summit Fire District, the Arizona Department of Public Safety, and the DPS Northern Air Rescue Unit.

A firefighter with Summit Fire District located a barefoot footprint on the north side of Bluefield Road consistent with that of a toddler. A tracking team comprised of Search and Rescue personnel and Summit Fire personnel began to track the toddler from that location heading northwest while Air Rescue conducted an aerial search. One of the Summit Fire District personnel on the tracking team located the toddler asleep underneath a juniper tree approximately two tenths of a mile northwest of the relative's home. The toddler was in good condition and was reunited with her family.

The Search and Rescue Unit would like to remind parents to keep a close watch on young children outdoors. Very young children do not understand the concept of being lost and do not have well developed navigational skills.

###